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Gustav Tappe et al.

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Examiner: H. V. Le

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 29-37 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Groups I-III. The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the search is believed to be similar. The applicant believes that no additional search is required for the examination of the claimed invention.

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 13-41 presently pending in this application be examined.

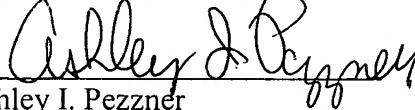
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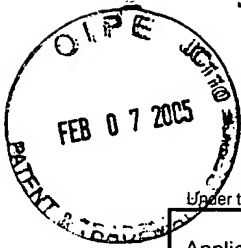
Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12980-00008-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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